

ARIZONA READY EDUCATION COUNCIL K-20 EDUCATION FUNDING TASKFORCE

September 6, 2012 @ 7:30-9:30am 1700 W. Washington, 3rd Floor Conference Room Phoenix, AZ 85007

Meeting Notes

Members Present: Dr. Craig Barrett (telephonic), Susan Carlson, Tim Carter, Chuck Essigs, Dr. Rufus Glasper, Hugh Hallman, Jay Kaprosy, Alan Maguire, Stacey Morley, Colleen Niccum, Onnie Shekerjian(telephonic) and Doreen Zannis (telephonic).

Members Absent: Dr. Tom Anderes, and Jaime Molera

Staff: Dale Frost, and Rebecca Gau

1. Call to Order, Welcome & Introductions

Dr. Barrett called the meeting to order at 7:36 a.m., provided welcoming remarks and reviewed the purpose of this meeting to:

- Update on recommendations for the Council
- Report & Discussion of ADE performance funding priorities
- Discussion of workgroup progress and first meeting

2. Update & Discussion: Taskforce Recommendations

Dr. Barrett introduced Dale Frost with the Governor's Office to review the draft recommendations. Mr. Frost advised that these recommendations for the Workgroup and not actual recommendations at this time. The Taskforce members first reviewed in detail the guiding principles. Staff will update the guiding principles to reflect changes requested by the taskforce members including the removal of principles 3 and 4, and ensure that principle descriptors are added. Members then moved on to discuss the recommendations and reviewed possible options to take back to the workgroup for further review and broader discussion on possible options to increase flexibility including;

- lifting restrictions on year-to-year budget carryover
- changing Special Education (group A) weights
- current year funding
- possible support /requirements for LEAs based on performance

3. Report & Discussion: ADE Performance Funding Priorities

Dr. Barrett introduced Stacey Morley from the Arizona Department of Education to discuss the performance funding priorities of the Arizona Department of Education. Ms. Morley identified the following priorities for the Department;

- The need for a cohesive system (not only A & B schools are rewarded)
- Incentivize long-term behavior not existing outcomes
- Need a simple system that allows changes/adaptations as needed over time
- Address the State as whole not just Maricopa County

4. Update & Discussion: Workgroup Process & First Meeting

Mr. Frost discussed the Workgroup's first meeting. He advised that the Workgroup has used the recommendations are a baseline/starting point and is looking holistically at the system and has stepped back from specifics. The Work group is discussing the question "If we have performance based allocation should it be based on A-F and what should the performance factors be?" The discussions from the Workgroup are still in process and a consensus has yet to be reached. The Workgroup has two meetings this month and Mr. Frost will have a full update on recommendations from the Workgroup at the 10/1 Meeting.

5. Taskforce Comments

Dr. Barrett reviewed next steps:

- Continued work on ABEC funding model
- Update from Funding Workgroup
- 2012 Taskforce Meeting Schedule
 - October 1
 - o November 1
 - o December 6

6. Call to the Public

There were no requests from the public to address the Taskforce.

7. Adjourn

With no further business before the Taskforce, Dr. Barrett adjourned the meeting at 9:38 a.m.